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Whately Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, SS.

To George F. Pease, Constable of the Town of Whately,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Whately, on Monday, the third day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers—Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Auditor, Cemetery Commissioner, Library Trustee, Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith, Tree Warden, all to be voted for on one ballot. The ballot for the ladies will contain the name of School Committee only.

ART. 7.—To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" upon the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4.—To receive and act upon reports of all Officers, Committees, Commissioners, Trustees of the Town.

ART. 5.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the coming year, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6.—To act upon the list of Jurors prepared by the Registrars.

Schools 1500
Town 0.30
B. & G. 40
Poor 20
Highway 90
Committee 7
H. K. Special 3

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ART. 7.—To see what the Town will do with the money received from the County, called the Dog Fund.

ART. 8.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the Public Library.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will employ a Superintendent of Schools, and raise money for his salary.

5 per cent ✓
ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise five per cent or any fixed per cent on amount of Town Grant, State and County Taxes, the same to be allowed to those who pay their taxes on or before August 1, 1902.

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may 24-11.
ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise, or instruct its officers to borrow money for repairs, either special or general, on cemeteries, roads, bridges, or buildings, or on account of State Road, or for any legal purposes, or instruct its officers in any matters of claims or suits, or transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies at each of the Post Offices in said Town, said posting to be seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

GEORGE F. PEASE, } *Selectmen*
CHAS. H. WAITE, } *of*
LYMAN S. MUNSON } *Whately.*

Town Clerk's Report.

The vital statistics of the Town of Whately for the year 1901.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WHATELY, 1901.

January 21. Jacob Giraffe, to George and Maggie Giraffe.

May 27. Morris Jeremiah Heafey to Nicholas T. and Margaret E. Heafey.

June 5. Daughter to Michael and Catherine Barkowski.

August 13. Sereno Harold Higgins, to Henry S. and Sarah H. Higgins.

August 3. Margaret Helen Carroll, to George and Margaret S. Carroll.

August 23. Ella Elizabeth Bardwell, to Horace and Carrie M. Bardwell.

September 12. Donald Everett Sanderson, to Frank E. and Jennie J. Sanderson.

Oct. 4. Nellie Duda, to Michael and Nellie L. Duda.

Oct. 18. Alice Celia Scott, to Lewis and Alice B. Scott.

Oct. 18. Aggie Koszoske, to Jacob and Kuzzr Koszoske.

Oct. 20. Catherine Mary Ryan, to William J. and Catherine M. Ryan.

Nov. 17. Charles Warner Field, to Charles W. and Cora C. Field.

Nov. 22. Sidney Abbott Lawrence, to Leroy W. and Ella M. Lawrence.

Dec. 30. Erwin Munson Hill, to Elmer S. and Maude E. Hill.

Comparison table of births for the last five years :

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
9	10	10	12	14

MARRIAGES REGISTERED.

Jan. 15. Bela K. Crafts of Whately, 59—Sara Wilbur Smith of Boston, 50; by Rev. Frederick M. Gardner.

Feb. 13. Charles H. Waite of Whately, 31—Ella L. Wells of Springfield, 34; by Rev. F. L. Goodspeed.

April 24. Thomas J. Heafey of Whately, 27—Mary A. Shea of Northampton, 23; by Rev. John Kenney.

May 8. Edward A. Breor of Hatfield, 28—Mary A. Fleming of Whately, 24; by Rev. Austin O'Grady.

July 10. Gustave Reumette of Northampton, 34—Katherine D. Rhubeck of Whately, 38; by Rev. Wm. N. T. Dean.

Aug. 16. Charles F. Calkins of Whately, 32,—Rose B. Stone of Chicopee, 23; by John D. White, Esq.

Sept 11. Fred W. Bardwell of Whately, 21—Anna J. Wolcott of Southampton, 21; by Rev. C. A. Betcher.

Sept. 18. Levi F. Moore of Whately, 25—Edith May Sawin of Chicopee, 20; by Rev. C. Alexander Betcher.

Sept. 18. Lester E. Waite of Whately, 27—Alice E. Haskins of Whately, 19; by Rev. Wm. N. T. Dean.

Oct. 2. Daniel Dickinson of Whately, 23—Emma Belle Perry of Greenfield, 19; by Rev. Wm. N. T. Dean.

Oct. 2. R. Mosher Swift of Whately, 20—Esther A. Dickinson of Whately, 20; by Rev. John W. Lane.

Oct. 31. Edward R. Scott of Whately, 33—Ethel May Blossom of Deerfield, 22; by Rev. Edward O. Grisbrook.

Comparison table of marriages for the last five years :

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
8	10	12	10	12

DEATHS REGISTERED.

Date.	Name.	yrs.	m.	d.
Feb. 12,	Moses M. Sanderson,	76		7
Mch. 27,	Aaron E. Waite,	69	6	29
Apr. 14,	David Callahan,	78		

Date.	Name.	yrs.	m.	d.
May 6,	Perez M. Wells,	72	1	8
	Philomelia A. Brown,	78	6	24
May 8,	Mary Healey,	91	2	
July 7,	Thomas McCormick,	11		
July 11,	Elizabeth A. Crafts,	70	1	
July 13,	Samuel E. Sanderson,	25		
Oct. 21,	Artemesia A. Bardwell,	75	1	22
Dec. 14,	Elsie M. Damon,	73	1	21

Comparison table of deaths for the last five years.

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
19	15	15	18	11

If any mistakes have been made in the above records, either in names or dates, if those interested will inform the Town Clerk of the facts, the records will be corrected.

The number of dogs licensed during the year ending Dec. 30, 1901, with the receipts and settlement of the account with the County Treasurer is as follows :

59 male dogs, at \$2.00,	\$118 00
6 female dogs, at \$5.00,	30 00
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Total tax,	\$148 00
Less fees 65 dogs at 20 cents,	13 00
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Balance,	\$135 00
Paid E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer,	\$135 00

Comparison table for the last five years :

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
\$85.80	\$122.40	\$122.40	\$133.80	\$135.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. ELDER, *Town Clerk.*

History of Whately.

I herewith submit my third annual report as agent of the Town for the sale of the History of the Town.

Number of books on hand as per last report,	467
Number of books sold,	4
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Balance of books on hand,	463

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

Received for sale of 3 books at \$3.00,	\$9 00
Received for sale of 1 book,	5 00
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	\$14 00

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By amount paid R. C. Howes, Treasurer,	\$14 00
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GEORGE A. ELDER.

Collector's Report.

GEORGE F. PEASE, in account with the Town of Whately.

Dr.

Town Tax,	\$4,089 75	
County Tax,	1,051 38	
State Tax,	280 00	
State Highway repairs,	3 87	
Overlayings,	266 36	
Discount,	271 25	
	<hr/>	\$5,962 61

Cr.

By amount paid R. C. Howes, Treasurer,	\$5,296 93	
Discount on Taxes,	152 90	
Abatements,	32 00	
Uncollected Taxes,	480 78	
	<hr/>	\$5,962 61

LIST OF JURORS

PREPARED BY THE REGISTRARS.

Frederick Lyman Graves,	Lyman S. Munson,
Willis F. Waite,	Warren P. Crafts,
Edward R. Scott,	John Brunkard,
Charles H. Field,	Henry A. Wilder,
Hiram R. Dickinson,	Herbert E. Roote,
Dexter Hager,	Frank D. Belden.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

RYLAN C. HOWES, Treasurer, in acct. with Town of Whately.

Dr.

To cash from R. C. Howes, ex-Treas.,	\$1,818 16
Mr. Roswell, for boundary stone,	3 97
H. M. Belden, bridge timber,	10 00
Smith College, temporary loan,	500 00
Edward S. Bradford, inspection cattle,	9 00
Geo. F. Pease, collector, bal. taxes, 1900,	188 58
“ “ “ “ 1901,	5,481 83
L. F. Crafts, Center cemetery,	23 00
James Dodge, Auditor, school supplies,	36 50
Edward S. Bradford State Treasurer :	
Education of children,	52 50
Insane paupers,	123 04
Corporation tax,	21 97
National Bank tax,	554 78
State Aid,	335 00
Tuition, small towns,	297 00
School Fund,	730 46
C. H. Waite, damage to tile,	1 34
H. S. Higgins, Supt., salary,	50 27
E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer,	
Boundary stone,	52 00
E. A. Newcomb, Co. Treas., Dog Fund,	82 68
W. S. Allen, Court Fines,	60 00

Mass. Broken Stone Co., use derrick,	\$20 00
Henry W. Warner, " "	24 80
Henry W. Bardwell, " "	4 65
Geo. A. Elder, Town History,	14 00
N. S. Higgins, Iron pipe,	4 60
	<hr/> \$10,500 13

ORDERS PAID.

RYLAN C. HOWES, Treas., in account with Town of Whately.

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Outstanding orders,	\$868 96
Old Bills,	22 94
Contingent,	515 10
State Aid,	305 00
Poor,	722 44
Highways,	723 98
Schools,	2,004 71
Cemeteries,	67 15
Sidewalks,	24 75
Railings,	78 11
Library,	105 73
Bridges and culverts,	285 30
Temporary Loan,	504 80
County Tax,	1,051 38
State " "	280 00
Repairs State Highways,	3 87
Discount,	152 90
Abatements,	32 00
Assessors,	92 00
Treasurer,	40 00
Collector,	75 00
Ballot Clerks,	5 00
Election Officers,	60 00
School Committee,	75 00
Selectmen,	200 00
	<hr/> \$8,296 12
Balance,	2,204 01
	<hr/> \$10,500 13

We have this day settled with the above named Rylan C. Howes, Treasurer of the Town of Whately, and find in his hands and due the Town of Whately, the sum of Twenty-Two Hundred and Four and $\frac{01}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,204 $\frac{01}{100}$.)

GEORGE F. PEASE,	}	<i>Selectmen of Whately.</i>
CHAS. H. WAITE,		
L. S. MUNSON,		

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, *Auditor.*

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor in Whately, having served the Town to the best of their ability during the past year, herewith submit the following report of their work.

A settlement was made with Frank E. Sanderson by the payment of \$6 in a claim against the Town for damages, said to have been caused by a defective railing on a bridge, your Selectmen considering it the wiser way to settle for a small amount, rather than to have a suit brought against the Town. Another case which had been left over from former years, has also been settled. It was that of Dr. Walker of Greenfield for services rendered the Town in the suit for damages which Mrs. Merritt of South Deerfield brought against Whately. The sum demanded by Dr. Walker was \$30, but the former Selectmen were only willing to pay about \$15. By the advice of counsel a compromise was effected, and the affair settled by the payment of \$25, rather than take the risk and expense of a lawsuit.

The highways, bridges, and culverts have been kept in their usual repair.

The bridges, with the exception of some which need replanking, are in excellent order, and the culverts are practically in good condition, but we would recommend for the coming year that the same amount of money be appropriated for highways, etc., as was granted last year, for the roads have not had as much money expended upon them as was actually needed.

The pauper bill this year is a little larger than usual on account of the commitment of another patient, Mrs. Nancy Waite to the Insane Hospital, and to the increased expense, owing to the condition of Elisha Rhoad.

CONTINGENT.

R. C. Howes, Treasurer's bond,	\$12 50
Knowlton & Stone, sewer pipe,	3 90
Gazette Printing Co., printing Town Reports,	29 40
F. A. Crafts, freight on bound stone and tile,	7 94
John Frawley, 49 highway bound stone,	36 75
J. B. Bridges, fees in case of Lewis E. Morton,	5 28
J. A. Sullivan, plow point and mould boards,	3 15
Knowlton & Stone, sewer pipe,	3 33
Chas. H. Waite, cash paid for freight,	1 85
R. C. Howes, Collector's bond,	12 50
H. W. Bardwell, labor on town well,	1 75
E. W. Bardwell, drawing stone for well,	5 50
Lennie Sanderson, stone for well,	2 00
George F. Pease, tax on town land,	1 86
Chas. H. Waite, time and expense to Orange, \$2.50, tuning piano, \$2.50, lumber, .15,	5 15
Chas. H. White, time and expense to Boston, before the State Highway Commission,	10 00
Lyman S. Munson, cash paid for spike,	60
Willis F. Waite, setting bound stone,	13 00
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense to Orange,	2 50
Victor D. Bardwell, services as Elector,	10 00
M. Howes & Son, telephone expenses, \$28.81, mdse, 8.71,	37 52
Cecil T. Bagnall, printing Assessors' posters and book,	7 00
Frank E. Sanderson, claim for damages,	6 00
George F. Pease, cash paid for entering petition for re-locating highway,	3 00
George F. Pease, time and expense to Boston before Commissioners of State Aid,	4 50
Lennie Sanderson, expense going for sheriff,	2 00
George F. Pease, cash paid O. E. Morton, for evenner for scraper,	50
Fred L. Graves, repairs on scraper,	3 40
George F. Pease, cash paid for pauper register,	6 50
A. C. Walker, M. D., examination and testimony in Merritt case,	25 00

Gazette Printing Co., printing voters' lists,	\$4 00
Lyman S. Munson, wood for Town Hall,	8 68
George F. Pease, two trips to Greenfield, looking up records, and settling Walker case,	3 00
J. A. Sullivan, cement,	2 40
George F. Pease, bill heads, express, freight,	5 40
J. T. Allen, two edges for scraper,	16 60
Irving Allis, inspector of cattle,	28 00
George F. Pease, cash paid for branding stamp,	1 75
Chas. H. Waite, time and expense with County Com- missioners re-locating highway,	7 50
George F. Pease, time and expense with County Com- missioners, re-locating highway,	7 50
L. F. Crafts, reporting deaths,	2 75
Irving Allis, support of water tank,	10 00
George F. Pease, cash paid for bound stakes,	1 35
W. M. Smead, fees in cases of Edw. Morton, Edw. Caddigan,	32 49
George E. Coates, fees in case of Frank Morris,	58
“ “ “ “ “ Simon Smykes,	6 98
J. B. Bridges, “ “ “ James Sullivan,	4 48
Lincoln Sanderson, support of water tank,	5 00
L. F. Crafts, glass and labor, \$1, hand cuffs \$3.50,	4 50
Lennie Sanderson, bound stone,	1 50
J. D. Seymour, reporting births,	2 50
George A. Elder, cash paid for paper, postage, ex- press, Collector's Book, Justice fees, 1 volume Mass. Town officer,	14 81
George A. Elder, recording births, deaths, marriages, trip to Montague with transcript of vote,	16 60
L. A. Crafts, support of water tank,	10 00
W. P. Crafts, “ “ “	5 00
Geo. E. Sanderson, “ “	3 00
Lucius Meekins, ringing bell,	10 00
L. F. Crafts, care of Town Hall,	10 00
J. B. Bridges, fees in case of Frank Cibara,	70
“ “ “ “ Joseph Cibara,	5 72
“ “ “ “ Adolfa Ranko,	1 50

Town of Sunderland, repairs on Sunderland bridge,	\$6 93
L. F. Crafts, sawing wood for Town Hall,	3 00
S. A. Wood, meat inspector,	7 50
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	\$516 10

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

J. H. Hoar, labor,	\$3 84
R. D. Waite, “	68
H. W. Bardwell,	6 87
Willis F. Waite, plank,	20 97
Wm. Koncal, labor,	2 25
Frank and Lewis Scott, labor,	11 25
Arthur L. Adkins, “	1 02
Wm. Koncal, “	1 77
J. H. Hoar, “	2 80
Arthur H. Beers, “	7 45
Willis F. Waite, plank,	18 46
Victor D. Bardwell, “	14 93
Henry W. Bardwell, labor and stone,	100 00
M. Handrahan, labor,	1 50
Charles H. Pease, “	4 50
M. J. Powers, “	10 95
M. J. Powers, “	2 85
J. H. Hoar, “	9 70
Edward E. Sanderson, “	4 43
Wm. Koncal, “	2 70
Victor D. Bardwell, “	5 90
Frank E. Sanderson, “	5 00
J. H. Hoar, “	1 76
Willis F. Waite, plank,	31 87
Montville Crafts, labor,	50
M. J. Powers, “	3 75
Seth B. Crafts, “	7 60
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	\$285 30

HIGHWAYS.

H. W. Bardwell,	labor,	\$1 75
J. A. Coddington,	"	3 50
H. A. Sharpe,	"	5 00
Willis F. Waite,	"	1 50
E. W. Bardwell,	"	7 35
Victor D. Bardwell,	"	4 63
Elisha Grover,	"	12 00
Lyman S. Munson,	"	1 76
Wm. P. Smith, 82 loads of dirt,		4 10
J. H. Hoar,	labor,	23 21
Wm. Koncal,	"	2 25
Lucien Moody,	"	6 01
Montville Crafts,	"	1 95
Joseph Fournier,	"	2 00
Patrick Tuomey,	"	28 00
John Brunkard,	"	28 00
Thomas Brennan,	"	8 40
Clarence Allis,	"	21 00
Martin Tuomey,	"	5 00
John Brunkard,	"	16 00
Edward Damon,	"	3 50
Joseph Quinn,	"	1 00
C. J. Smith,	"	75
Patrick Tuomey,	"	18 25
Charles H. Pease,	"	2 75
H. W. Bardwell,	"	16 60
Charles E. Bardwell,	"	17 50
H. A. Sharpe,	"	21 75
Munson Bros.,	"	9 00
C. A. Graves,	"	4 50
C. S. Sanderson,	"	7 50
Willis F. Waite,	"	75
Leslie Waite,	"	75
Fred W. Smith,	"	1 50
Frank E. Sanderson,	"	2 08
Edward E. Sanderson,	"	8 70

J. H. Hoar,	labor,	\$19 38
E. W. Bardwell,	"	14 59
Elisha Grover,	"	2 46
Lucien Moody,	"	3 00
R. D. Waite,	"	3 90
George Grover,	"	13 54
Frank and Lewis Scott	"	11 50
E. L. Graves,	"	52
S. C. Kingsley,	"	4 00
Thomas Flemming,	"	1 50
Frank and Lewis Scott,	"	7 00
J. H. Hoar,	"	1 37
Charles H. Waite,	"	39 95
Lyman S. Munson,	"	3 75
Arthur H. Beers,	"	1 55
Lyman S. Munson,	"	2 00
George E. Sanderson,	"	17 70
Seth B. Crafts,	"	40 50
Clarence Allis,	"	2 50
Wm. J. Gould,	"	1 50
Fred T. Bardwell,	"	28 25
Charles H. Pease,	"	3 25
James Sullivan,	"	3 00
J. H. Pease,	"	8 50
L. F. Graves,	"	7 00
S. & H. A. Wilder,	"	17 25
Richard Phillips,	"	1 13
James Powers,	"	3 25
Chas. H. Pease,	"	7 00
M. J. Powers,	"	10 00
Martin Tuomey,	"	7 00
C. J. Smith,	"	7 00
J. H. Pease,	"	3 50
James Sullivan,	"	6 00
F. D. Belden,	"	12 25
E. H. Damon,	"	2 55
J. H. Hoar,	"	16 25
Seth B. Crafts,	"	23 35

Edward E. Sanderson, labor,		\$1 35
James Nolan,	"	2 15
Lyman S. Munson,	"	6 50
Charles H. Waite,	"	7 25
George Dickinson,	"	3 00
Thomas Flemming,	"	5 00
Lincoln B. Sanderson,	"	1 25
L. F. Graves,	"	7 50
W. L. Hubbard,	gravel,	13 75
J. H. Pease,	labor,	3 50
John Kennedy,	"	1 75
John E. Waite,	"	1 35
H. W. Bardwell,	"	5 00
L. S. Munson,	"	2 00
James Nolan,	"	75
Fred T. Bardwell,	"	9 60
Wm. Cahill,	"	1 25
Seth B. Crafts,	"	13 50
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		\$745 48

OLD BILLS.

J. H. Pease,	\$6 93
James Nolan,	1 37
Lucien Moody,	63
Arthur L. Adkins,	1 62
George P. Graves,	2 35
Montville Crafts,	2 00
Charles H. Field,	1 80
H. A. Sharpe,	1 70
Fred W. Bardwell,	93
Lennie Sanderson,	63
Edw. W. Bardwell,	75
Frank E. Sanderson,	2 01
Wm. P. Smith,	1 15
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\$23 87	

LIBRARY.

S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	\$35 95
Mary Gould, salary as Librarian,	25 00
S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	69 78
Mary Gould, salary as Librarian,	15 00
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	\$145 73

- POOR.

Support of Jewett family at Orange,	\$158 00
“ “ Elisha Rhoad at J. H. Bacon's, Shutesbury,	125 91
“ “ Dudley Belden at Dwight Dickinson's	130 33
“ “ Electa Hunt, and Nancy Waite at Northampton Insane Hospital,	331 49
Other pauper expenses,	12 21
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	\$757 94

STATE AID (under Ch. 374, Acts of 1899).

Edward E. Sanderson,	\$36 00
Stephen G. Stearns,	48 00
Bela K. Crafts,	48 00
Joseph L. Longley,	72 00
Luther M. Crafts,	72 00
Mrs. Luther M. Crafts,	51 00
Charles E. Jewett,	42 00
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	\$369 00

SIDEWALK.

L. A. Crafts,	\$6 45
F. L. Graves,	2 25
S. W. Field,	75
J. H. Pease,	16 05
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	\$25 50

RAILINGS.

Patrick Toomey,	\$2 25
L. F. Graves,	4 95
J. H. Pease,	6 50
M. J. Powers,	7 50
S. W. Allis,	6 30
J. H. Hoar,	3 92
Edw. E. Sanderson,	98
George A. Gunn,	23 80
S. W. Allis,	3 50
L. F. Graves,	19 35
Arthur H. Beers,	2 56
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	\$81 61

ABATEMENTS.

Wm. J. Flemming,	\$2 00
Nicholas Flemming,	2 00
Thomas Flemming,	2 00
Wm. Field,	2 00
Stanley Beckel,	2 00
Frank Beckel,	2 00
Alexander Duda,	2 00
John J. Gibbs,	2 00
Walter Howard,	2 00
Joseph Novack,	2 00
Alexander Orolaski,	2 00
Charles M. Rogers,	2 00
Samuel E. Sanderson,	2 00
Henry Smith,	2 00
John Valasky,	2 00
Stanley Wyler,	2 00
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	\$32 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES PAID ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1ST.

George F. Pease,	\$152 90
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SALARY OF SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

L. A. Pratt,	\$76 84
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SCHOOLS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS.

Orders have been drawn amounting to	\$2,498 46
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See School Committee Report for statement.

CEMETERIES.

Cemetery Commissioners' orders drawn amounting to	\$80 65
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See Cemetery Commissioners' report.

The income of the following gifts is to be used for cemetery purposes :—

Miss Betsy Waite \$100, deposited in the Easthampton Savings Bank, to care for her and her father's lots in the West Whately cemetery.

Miss Mary Dickinson \$1000, secured by mortgage, after caring for three Dickinson lots in becoming manner, the remaining unused income to be used in general improvements of the Center cemetery.

ELECTION OFFICERS.

REGISTRARS.

George A. Elder,	\$15 00
George F. Pease,	15 00
Charles H. Waite,	15 00
Lyman S. Munson,	15 00
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	\$60 00

BALLOT CLERKS.

Leander F. Crafts,	\$2 50
Rylan C. Howes,	2 50
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	\$5 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

ASSESSORS.

George A. Elder,	\$35 00
Wm. H. Adkins,	29 00
Charles H. Pease,	28 00
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	\$92 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Henry S. Higgins,	\$25 00
Herbert E. Roote,	25 00
Charles A. Coville,	25 00
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	\$75 00

SELECTMEN.

George F. Pease,	\$100 00
Charles H. Waite,	50 00
Lyman S. Munson,	50 00
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	\$200 00

TREASURER.

Rylan C. Howes,	\$40 00
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AUDITOR.

Lyman A. Crafts,	\$2 50
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STATE TAX.

R. C. Howes,	\$280 00
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COUNTY TAX.

E. A. Newcomb,	\$1,051 38
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STATE HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

R. C. Howes,	\$3 87
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TEMPORARY LOAN.

Smith College : Loan, \$500, interest, \$4.80,	\$504 80
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RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN

For the Year Ending March 1, 1902.

Railings,	\$ 81 61
Temporary Loan and Interest,	504 80
Bridges and Culverts,	285 30
Sidewalks,	25 50
Highways,	745 48
Schools,	2,421 62
School Superintendent,	76 84
Contingent,	516 10
Poor,	757 94
State Aid,	369 00
Old Bills,	23 87
State Highway Repairs,	3 87
Cemetery,	80 65
Library,	145 73
County Tax,	1,051 38
State Tax,	280 00
Registrars and Ballot Clerks,	65 00
Town Officers,	484 50
Discount on Taxes,	152 90
Abatements,	32 00
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	\$8,104 09

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, FEB. 18, 1902.

Outstanding orders,	\$674 43
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ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in the Treasury,	\$2,204 01
Due from State Aid,	450 00
Due from High School Tuitions,	351 00
Uncollected Taxes,	480 78
Town Lands, 68½ acres,	300 00
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	\$3,785 79

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall,	\$4,000 00
Library and Court Decisions,	800 00
Safe, furniture in Hall and Library,	250 00
Derrick, Road Machine, scrapers,	200 00
Six School-houses,	2,000 00
Storehouse,	50 00
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	\$7,300 00

GEORGE F. PEASE, } *Selectmen*
 CHAS. H. WAITE. } *of*
 LYMAN S. MUNSON } *Whately.*

WHATELY, MASS., Feb. 19, 1902.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, Collector, Selectmen, and School Committee of the Town of Whately, and find them correct. That there is in the hands of Rylan C. Howes and due the Town \$2204 $\frac{01}{100}$. Also that the total of orders drawn by the School Committee is \$2498.46, and amount of their orders outstanding is \$493 $\frac{75}{100}$. That the total of orders drawn by Selectmen is \$5605 $\frac{63}{100}$, and amount of their orders outstanding is \$183 $\frac{18}{100}$, and that the amount of uncollected taxes is \$480 $\frac{78}{100}$, and due from George F. Pease, Collector.

LYMAN A. CRAFTS.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners for 1901.

There has been expended on the North-West Cemetery,	\$20 30
“ “ “ “ “ Center “	41 25
“ “ “ “ “ East “	7 00
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	\$68 55

Received for lots in Center Cemetery, \$23 00

The report shows the sum expended is \$6.45 less than the appropriation by the Town.

We ask the Town to appropriate \$75 for the year 1902.

L. F. CRAFTS,
S. A. WOOD,
VICTOR D. BARDWELL.

Library Report.

Money appropriated,		\$150 00
Dog Fund,		82 68
Fines,		1 00
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		\$233 68
Expended for books,	\$105 73	
Librarian's services,	40 00	
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Total number of books in Library, 2250.

The Town has been presented with several books during the past year by Mr. James M. Crafts, Rev. G. H. Goddard, Miss Katherine Greene and Mr. Davis.

Your Trustees think it wise to select a few books at a time, and make several selections during the year. In this way we can procure the best and latest books published.

We recommend raising \$150, and the Dog Fund for books and Library expenses for ensuing year. Thanking you for liberal appropriations in past years, we remain

Yours,

FRANK DICKINSON,	}	<i>Trustees,</i>
CHARLES CRAFTS,		
COOLEY DICKINSON,		

Report of School Committee.

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$1,311 00
Repairs and Labor,	86 08
Care of School-houses,	42 75
Books and Supplies,	164 77
High School Tuitions,	351 00
Superintendent's Salary,	76 84
Fuel,	67 93
Transportation of Children,	321 00
Miscellaneous,	77 09
Balance unexpended,	418 27
	<hr/> \$2,916 73

RECEIPTS.

Town's appropriation for Schools,	\$1,650 00
“ “ “ Superintendent,	100 00
Reimbursement from State on account of	
High School Tuitions,	297 00
State School Fund, small towns,	730 46
Supplies,	36 50
Reimbursement from State for Supt.,	50 27
Tuitions State and City Wards,	52 50
	<hr/> \$2,916 73

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

M. Howes & Son,	\$13 4 ⁷ / ₈
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	34 85
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	41 58
Ginn & Co.,	10 21
C. T. Bagnall,	2 40
University Publishing Co.,	64
Thomas R. Shewell & Co.,	11 05
H. S. Higgins,	5 92
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	11 21
C. A. Covill,	13 50
C. B. Beach & Co.,	17 00
American Book Co.,	44
R. C. Howes,	2 50
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	\$164 77

TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN.

J. N. Wing,	\$147 00
Henry J. Guyette,	174 00
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	\$321 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

L. F. Crafts, services as Truant Officer,	\$4 50
H. S. Higgins, express, freight,	6 25
H. E. Roote, express,	50
Ella L. Elder, taking School Census,	7 00
C. H. Pierce, insurance on School-houses,	56 25
L. A. Pratt, Town's share postage and stationery,	2 59
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	\$77 09

TEACHERS.

Miss E. Mabel Raftery, 34 weeks,	\$323 00
“ Gertrude Mowry, “	323 00
“ Gertrude Waterhouse, 34 weeks,	323 00
“ Bertha M. Hodges, 36 weeks,	342 00
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	\$1,311 00

REPAIRS AND LABOR.

S. G. Waite, repairs South Center,	\$60 52
Fred Crafts, labor,	2 25
J. N. Wing, “	6 25
L. F. Crafts, “	17 06
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	\$86 08

CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Joseph Phelix, cleaning,	\$3 00
Lucius Allis, Janitor,	2 50
Fred Calkins, cleaning,	4 00
Mary Morris, “	2 50
C. Sanderson, “	2 00
H. S. Higgins, cash paid Janitor,	75
Gertrude Phelix, Janitor,	3 50
George Allis, “	6 00
Willis Jewett “	8 50
Harold Adkins, “	5 00
Mary Crafts, cleaning,	5 00
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	\$42 75

HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS.

Greenfield,	\$114 00
Northampton,	225 00
Williamsburg,	12 00
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	\$351 00

Superintendent's Salary,	\$76 84
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FUEL.

Scott Bros.,	wood,	\$25 50
Henry J. Guyette,	"	6 05
W. P. Crafts,	"	4 38
Leslie Waite,	"	12 75
Charles H. Pease,	"	19 25
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		\$67 93

H. S. HIGGINS,	}	<i>School</i>
H. E. ROOTE,		<i>Committee</i>
C. A. COVILLE,		<i>Whately.</i>

REPORT OF THE Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of Whately:

The fourth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith submitted. It is the thirteenth since the office was established. Accompanying it is the usual table of statistics, giving such information as is likely to be sought by parents and others interested in the schools. This table covers the school year from September, 1900, to June, 1901, thus conforming to the custom now uniform throughout the State.

One year ago the attendance reported was more than five per cent below the average for the State. There has been the slight gain of one and one-half per cent, but seldom can there be found, in the County or even in the State, a town showing a record as unfavorable as Whately's. While it is true that each school has contributed to the increase, at the South Center school and at the South East school the attendance conditions are decidedly unsatisfactory. The greatest gain has been made at the South Center, where the average is still nearly eleven per cent below either the North Center or the North West. Tardiness and dismissal, too, have here multiplied seven or eight times. This seems unpardonable among pupils who were wont to have no such marks. And at the South East school the number of tardy marks, already too large, has more than doubled. Do the taxpayers appreciate how much it costs to educate the

pupils who are not in school? Many have manifested commendable zeal to improve the record, but the matter of tardiness and dismissal demands the most earnest solicitude. Eleven hundred cases for a town with an enrollment of ninety-six children—is not this an unreasonable number? Teacher and parent need to work together to secure regularity of attendance.

The annual May institute was held last spring at the Whately Town Hall. The exhibit of school work elicited hearty commendation from the townspeople who contributed by their interest to the success of the several sessions. The educators from abroad invited special attention to the superior quality of some of the work shown. Mr. Frank F. Murdock, Principal of the North Adams Normal School; Miss Mary I. Lovejoy, of Malden, a successful institute worker; and Agents Fletcher and MacDonald of the State Board of Education, gave valuable instruction to the teachers. The evening session, addressed by Miss Lovejoy and Mr. Fletcher, was unusually full of interest and the attendance large. The school committee of Whately kindly provided a musical program and assisted in other ways.

The Franklin County Teachers' Association held the annual meeting at Greenfield on Friday, October 25. The day was a profitable one to the teachers.

But few people appreciate the demands upon that school teacher who wishes to keep in the van of educational progress. Modern methods of instruction are such that the few hours actually required for hearing recitations constitute a small fraction of the time devoted to the daily work of teaching and preparation. Only those should be engaged or retained to teach the lowest grades who are familiar with modern primary methods, and are themselves imbued with the Froebel spirit. It is in the earlier years of the primary and grammar grades that sound habits of speech must be established and wholesome tastes developed. During the whole period from the kindergarten age through the High school the teacher must reflect the best light thrown upon educational aims and methods by modern pedagogy. There is a fundamental need of a better literary equipment in the teacher, and the consistent application of literary principles and standards in school work. Unless our teachers

speak and read and write well, and by their exemplary influences win their pupils to good habits of thought, feeling and language, and to worthy preferences and pleasures, no great advance can be looked for. The teacher must invest the school work with the literary quality and attractiveness that belong to it if she is to be, as she ought, the most powerful school agency for the refinement of manners, the enrichment of intercourse, and the ennobling of character.

Our present educational system has been a growth. When at the outset education was seen to be vital to the life of the colony, the direction and management of schools was vested in the towns as corporations. In town meeting assembled citizens chose the schoolmaster, fixed his compensation, determined the conditions of admission to the schools, or chose officers to attend to these matters for them. Frequently the selectmen were chosen to attend to these duties. In 1827, the duties of the selectmen had become so varied and exacting, and the importance of the school had so increased, that an act was passed creating a board of officials for every municipality, consisting of three, five or seven persons, whose especial duty should be the care of the schools. In 1857, it was enacted that the number constituting this board should be three, or some multiple thereof, one third to be elected annually, to continue in office for three years. This is the law to-day. Meanwhile, the duties of the school committee have increased apace; they include the following: To apply the interest of the State School Fund; to make reports to the town and to the state; to determine the number and location of schools; to appoint janitors and truant officers; to see that the school laws are obeyed; to select and assign teachers; to determine methods of teaching; to organize and classify the schools; to select text books, apparatus and supplies; to have the care of the school-houses; to inquire into the regulation and discipline of the schools, and into the habits and proficiency of the scholars; to visit the schools "on some day during the first week after the opening of such schools, and on some day during the two weeks preceding the close of the same, and also, without giving previous notice thereof to the instructors, once each

month," under certain circumstances to grant labor certificates. This increase of duties has made it apparent that no school committee can do efficiently the work assigned it. To attend to the number and variety of duties required by our statutes, presupposes, first,—more of time than any man sufficiently intelligent to attend to such duties can be expected to give; second,—a degree of intelligence far greater than was necessary formerly; and third,—a certain technical skill demanding natural aptitude, extensive education, and special professional training, such as few public officials can be expected to possess. Furthermore, as public intelligence in school matters has increased, it has seemed anomalous that committees should tolerate a method of management entirely at variance with the systematic practices of business life. To have no settled educational policy, to have as many heads and lines of work as there are members of the school committee,—these considerations have suggested the employment of a new school official, the Superintendent of Schools,—a name borrowed from business life. Recent educational progress has brought out clearly the thought that in assigning duties to the superintendent, too much attention has been paid to the business side of school affairs, and that his far more important duty should be to educate and inspire teachers, pupils, and communities. Superintendents are now selected not so much because of great business sagacity, important though this qualification be, as because they possess the power of mastering educational problems, of conceiving practical educational measures, of leading teachers to constant self-improvement, and of setting forth fitly educational aims and methods for the enlightenment of the public. The number of school superintendents has increased greatly in recent years owing to our "District Superintendency" law, an enactment whereby small towns may unite in employing a Superintendent of Schools, the State repaying them theoretically one-half, but practically five-sixths the expense. This law, made optional in 1888, has been made compulsory for the entire state after July 1, 1902. It was so widely adopted in ten years that ninety-five per cent of the school children of the State were in schools supervised by superintendents. By custom and legislative enactment, school com-

mittees have been given extraordinary powers; but in passing over a part of their duties to the Superintendent they have not relinquished any of their rights. He is their executive agent chosen to see that their decisions are carried out, and that the school machine runs smoothly and effectively. He should not be officious, neither should he be afraid to give his opinion; he should not attempt to overawe his employers, but he should realize that they expect him to advocate strongly the best things. He should be given the privilege of discussion, and on all matters within the scope of his duty, his opinion should be given more than ordinary consideration. He should never absent himself from a regular meeting, that he may keep the committee informed on all matters, realizing that the more complete this information the greater will be the power lodged in him. The duties of school management may be divided into three classes. First, some belong naturally to the school committee,—the appointment of janitors and truant officers, the establishment of school boundaries, the decision as to the number and location of schools, and the transportation of pupils. Second,—some belong of right to the Superintendent,—the organization and classification of schools, the promotion of pupils, the adoption of methods of teaching, etc. Third, some duties belong to both Superintendent and committee,—the appointment of teachers, the selection of books and supplies. I ought to add that in my own experience in this district I have found it not difficult to work with those whose interests, like my own, are in the schools. Committees have ever treated me with kindness, consideration, and respect; my recommendations have been carefully considered, and from me no courtesy has been withheld; the teaching force has responded to every demand, and has co-operated in every effort; in appropriations but little has been withheld that has seemed necessary to progress; while the public has given generous support in every good work.

The year has been one fruitful of results following faithful, honest work. Not many new things have been attempted; we have held rather to well established lines of work, and all our energies have been expended in the direction of securing more satisfactory results within these limits. We have all tried to make

the year productive of good to the children, through the school as one of the agents in their education. We who teach accept all the responsibility which belongs to our office, craving not indulgence, but co-operation by the home and all the forces that are educating the children. We hope that what we are doing merits the approval of the community. We know that we have made honest, earnest effort in the year that has passed ; we are all pledged to no less in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS A. PRATT, *Superintendent of Schools.*

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1900-1901.

TEACHERS.	SCHOOLS.	Weeks.	Enrollment.					Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Tardy Marks.	Dismissals.	Visits of Parent or Guardian.	Perfect Attendance.	Rank.	Rank from last Report.
			Boys.	Girls.	Under 5 Years.	Over 15 Years.	Between 7 and 14.									
Bertha M. Hodges	North West.	36	11	7	0	0	11	14.86	14.37	96.70	11	17	6	0	1	1
Gertrude Mowry.	North Center.	34	13	7	0	0	15	14.95	14.43	96.52	30	13	13	0	2	2
L. Gertrude Waterhouse.	South Center.	34	5	11	0	0	13	14.42	12.38	85.85	90	29	3	0	3	3
E. Mabel Raftery.	South East.	34	22	20	0	1	29	35.24	28.70	81.44	318	625	17	2	4	4
For the Town.			51	45	0	1	68	79.47	69.88	87.93	449	684	39	2		

ROLL OF HONOR.

Not absent, tardy or dismissed : Hazel E. Crafts, one year ; Alta A. Morton, two years.



